

APPROVED

Eveline Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
April 6, 2022  
7:00 P.M.

- 1) Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman Kelly McGinn.

Commissioners present: Kelly McGinn, Eric Beishlag, Prudence Kurtz, and Lorraine Sims. Recording Secretary Sandi Whiteford, Zoning Administrator Deb Graber, John Vron dran, Susan Vron dran, Janet Blossom, Marcia and Terry Passinault were also present.

- 2) Agenda:** Motion by Commissioner Beishlag, supported by Commissioner Sims, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
- 3) Minutes:** Motion by Commissioner Beishlag, supported by Commissioner Sims to approve the March 2, 2022 minutes as written. Motion approved.

- 4) Public Comment Not pertaining to the Greenbelt Ordinance:** None received.

- 5) Waterfront Greenbelt Public Input:** Tony Hagen, not a property owner in the Township. Three properties had erosion. Suggested a general concept as properties are all different. Erosion control is not clearly stated in the current ordinance. Making erosion prevention a priority and making plans to fit each case. It could be better if controlled thinning of the trees allowing sun back in may improve the plantings in the greenbelt. Susan Vron dran asked Tony Hagen should removed trees be replaced? Tony responded yes with a shorter growing tree. Proactive approach, guidelines are restrictive currently. Commissioner Beishlag stated that poplars and white birch don't last forever. Possible we could look at the tree replacement. Tip of the mitt recommend 50 foot and state 25-foot remediation is ok in some situations. Beckett and Raeder suggestion of condensing ordinance. Our ordinance states native or non-invasive plants. The deeper the roots the more water that goes down. Commissioner Kurtz - seems we are focused not on erosion but filtration of the water that goes to the lakes. Commissioner Beishlag – we need to streamline the ordinance. Try to take input from everyone and then decide the best way to accomplish what we are trying to do. Training session on Tuesday April 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm. At the Hall specifically for Lake Charlevoix. Commissioner Kurtz – Do we need better or more definitions. Deb – Leave open to interpretation based on topography and ground type. Susan Vron dran– Little Traverse conservancy encourage brush removal. Eric – The brush is an invasive species. We can start working on the greenbelt ordinance. Letter states that greenbelt areas have been modified. If we had the 50-foot and 25-foot we may still be able to accomplish our goals. Eric will check with Rod Courtright from Evangeline Township as to how the two are working for them. Article 4.b8 page 4-1 required yard area is setback. Article 2.3 has a chart of square footage for a primary dwelling. Section 4.9 outside of mobile home must have a core area of 20' x20'. Fertilizing lawn with three-hour rain safe spray. If ph level is 5 or below nothing will grow, is it possible to do a soil test to determine needs. We don't want runoff, so put on what soil needs to allow deep rooted grasses to grow. Commissioner Kurtz – should monitor water quality. John Vron dran - Tip of the Mitt does test water quality. Susan Vron dran – Lorraine you

are a farmer – do you take samples. Lorraine stated no. Consider planting deep rooted plantings. Questions to ask during training. Manipulated shoreline vs a natural shoreline.

**6) Public Comment Not pertaining to the Greenbelt Ordinance:** No additional comment received.

**7) Commissioner Comments:** No additional comments.

**8) Adjournment:** Commissioner McGinn adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandi Whiteford  
Recording Secretary